(c) whether the net returns for the farmer are sufficient to meet/maintain his family ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Information for the year 1992-93 is given below :

Soil region	Average cost of production (Rs./Acre)	Gross Return (Rs. Acre)	Net Return (Rs./Acr)	Net return from holding of 7 acres. (Rs.)
Southern Black Soils	8,544	11,114	2,600	18,200
Northern Black Soils	8,768	9,031	263	1,841
Central Black Soils	9,072	9,633	561	3,927
Southern Light Soils	4,640	6,267	1,627	11,389

(Source : Tobacco Board)

(c) This is subjective and would depend on the family size, standard of the living and size of holding.

PESTISIDE RESIDUES IN TOBACCO

2376. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreign customers complained that Indian Tobacco and other Agriculture Commodities contain pesticides residues of DDT and BHC;

(b) if so, what steps the Tobacco Board is taking to tackle this problem at farmers level ; and

(c) whether Government propose to ban import of DDT and curb use of Pesticides that contain materials similar to DDT and BHC on the crops ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steps being taken by the Tobacco Board :—

(I) Tobacco farmers are being advised :

(1) Through circulation of leaflets, not to use the prohibited pesticides like B.H.C., D.D.T. and other chlorinated hydrocarbons.

(2) Not to rotate tobacco with crops like cotton, chillies where large quantities of pesticides are under usage.

(3) Not to grow tobacco in fields close to crops like cotton, chillies etc

(4) Not to use contaminated gunny packing material for bringing tobacco to auction floors.

(II) Undertaking periodical analysis of samples and taking corrective steps.

(III) Exploring the possibility of using malathion instead of DDT for mosquito control in some tribal tobacco growing areas.

(c) It is planned to phase out use of pesticides which are unsafe.